

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 19 and 20 are allowed. The Office rejects claims 4-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,664,855 ("Buer"). Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended in conducting a telephonic conference on September 21, 2004, in which the Examiner stated that this rejection may be overcome by a showing under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 evidencing that to the extent that U.S. Patent No. 6,664,855 discloses the claimed features of the present application, those claimed features are the invention of Kenneth Buer and Deborah Dendy (the inventors of the Buer reference).

Applicants have attached such a Declaration to this Response. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and request withdrawal of this rejection.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of this Application or response in further detail, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

Applicants: Kenneth V. Buer
Serial No.: 10/701,010
Filing Date: November 3, 2003
Title: MMIC DRIVER AMPLIFIER HAVING ZIG-ZAG RF SIGNAL FLOW

Docket No.: 36956.2400
Examiner: Patricia T. Nguyen
Art Unit: 2817
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Applicant's Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132

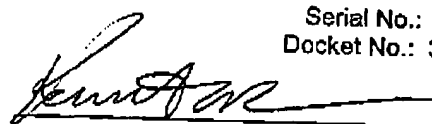
1. Kenneth Buer and Deborah Dendy declare as follows: We are the inventors of the invention claimed in U.S. Patent No. 6,664,855, which issued on December 16, 2003 and is entitled MMIC DRIVER AMPLIFIER HAVING ZIG-ZAG RF SIGNAL FLOW.

2. Kenneth Buer, Deborah Dendy, and Gaurav Menon declare as follows: To the extent that U.S. Patent No. 6,664,855 discloses the claimed features of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/701,010, those claimed features are the invention of Kenneth Buer and Deborah Dendy.

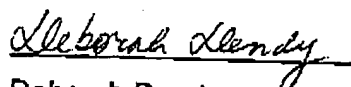
3. Kenneth Buer, Deborah Dendy and Gaurav Menon declare as follows: At the time the invention of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/701,010 was made, the claimed invention of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/118,277 and the subject matter of U.S. Patent No. 6,664,855 were owned by (or subject to an obligation of assignment to) U.S. Monolithics, L.L.C.

4. Kenneth Buer, Deborah Dendy, and Gaurav Menon declare as follows: We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated 9/2/04

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